

Drought Condition



California's DROUGHT

Year **3**



Current water conditions throughout the State are at normal levels. No drastic water conservation measures are necessary, although water conservation should always be practiced. The state's reservoirs are full or nearly full and runoff across the state is at normal levels.



The State's precipitation, snowpack, or runoff is lower than normal, or reservoir levels are below average. Conservation measures should be increased voluntarily, to help manage the state's current water supply.



Reservoirs are low; precipitation, snowpack and runoff are all well-below normal, and forecast to remain so. Mandatory conservation may need to be enacted in communities that do not have adequate water supplies.



Extremely dry conditions persist across the state. Water safety, supply, and quality are all at risk, due to shortages. All sectors of water usage are facing hardship as a result of inadequate supply and dry conditions.

Several factors help determine drought conditions across California. With a population of 37 million, and great variations in the timing and location of rainfall over the State, water supply management will always be challenging. Reservoir storage, groundwater levels, rainfall, snowpack, and runoff are important measures for indicating available water supply. Information on current statewide water conditions are available on the Department of Water Resources Drought Web site at:

<http://www.water.ca.gov/drought/>